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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 February 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 16-18 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 11, 15 and 19-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8-10, 12-14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 5-6, 7, 11, 15, 19, 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bhaskaran et al (US 2004/0128696 A1).

Regarding claim 1, Bhaskaran et al disclose a system comprising: a forward error correction encoder (see Figure 2, a FEC encoder 202) that encodes a first signal to produce a second signal; an interleaver (203) for interleaving the second signal to produce a third signal; a transmission system (a channel 206) for transmitting the third signal; a de-interleaver (209) for de-interleaving the third signal and a possible error signal combined with the third signal to produce a fourth signal, such that any burst of the error signals is spread out; and a forward error signal decoder (210) that decodes the fourth signal to produce a fifth signal.

Regarding claims 5-6, Bhaskaran et al disclose wherein the interleaver forming the third signal using a sequential interleaving pattern and a random interleaving pattern (see [0007] and [0041]).

Regarding claim 7, Bhaskaran et al disclose the transmission system comprising first and second transceivers that transmit and receive the third signal and the possible error signal over one of wire or wireless transmission medium (see Fig. 2).

Regarding claim 11, Bhaskaran et al disclose the third and the possible error signal being transmitted over one of a wire or wireless transmission medium (see Figure 2).

Regarding claim 15, Bhaskaran et al disclose wherein the transmission system comprising an encoder (202) and decoder (210).

Claims 19, 21 are similar to claims 1 and 15. Therefore, claims 19, 21 are rejected under a similar rationale.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhaskaran et al (US 2004/0128696 A1) in view of Hwang et al (US 2002/0196766 A1).

Regarding claims 2-3, Bhaskaran et al fail to disclose the interleaver comprising a multiplexer, the de-interleaver comprising a de-multiplexer.

Hwang et al disclose the interleaver comprising a multiplexer, the de-interleaver comprising a de-multiplexer (see [0076] and [0087]). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to perform

multiplexing and demultiplexing in the interleaver and deinterleaver as taught by Hwang into the teachings of Bhaskaran et al in order to minimize the influence of the narrow-band interference.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. Claims 4, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhaskaran et al in view of the admitted prior art.

Regarding claim 4, Bhaskaran et al fail to disclose a multi-dimension data in the first and second signals.

The admitted prior art discloses the first and second signal comprising multi-dimensional data (see [0005]). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the multi-dimensional data technique for transmitting a single high rate data stream as taught by the admitted prior art into the teachings of Bhaskaran et al. The motivation would transmit data at a high speed between first and second communications devices.

Claim 20 is similar to claim 4. Therefore, claim 20 is rejected under a similar rationale.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 16-18 are allowed.

7. Claims 8-10, 12-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Bhaskaran et al and Hwang et al fail to disclose A system comprising: a two-stage multiplexing system; a two-stage interleaving system, wherein each stage of the interleaving system is positioned subsequent to a corresponding stage of the multiplexing system; a transmission system coupled between a second stage of the interleaving system and a first stage of a two-stage de-interleaving system; a two-stage de-multiplexing system, wherein each stage of the de-multiplexing system is positioned subsequent to a corresponding stage of the de-interleaving system.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Sandin et al (U.S. Pat. 5,946,357) disclose an apparatus and method for improving the radio link.

Cain (US 2004/0160943 A1) discloses a mobile-ad-hoc network (MANET).

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KHAI TRAN whose telephone number is (571) 272-3019. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JAY PATEL can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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